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- On 7 April 1952 a commission of the AVH consisting of 14 members arrived in Szeged. It was lodged in the AVH headquarters at Szecheny ter and Wesselenyi utta where the guards were doubled.
- 2. On 8 April 1952 a detachment of the AVH, consisting of 350 men, arrived in Szeged from Budapest.
- 3. On approximately 1 May 1952 a new mobile kitchen arrived at the Tancsics barracks end another at the AVH barracks at Szechenyi ter. It was learned that the Ministry of Defense was planning to send five more mobile kitchens to Szeged before 1 July 1952.
- 4. Whe two underground fuel tanks at the Szeged airfield were filled with plane fuel, one with 100 tons and the other with 150 tons, sent from Rumania. The airfield commander received instruction to use this fuel only after the receipt of special authorization.
- 5. At the beginning of June 1952 four new Soviet professors arrived at the University of Szeged with 30 assistants, both men and women. Most of these received lodging near the University, on Dugonits ter.
- 6. Mirected by Soviet engineers, the construction of the new radar tower is almost completed. It will be 17 meters high. Most of the equipment was furnished by the "Standard" Company of Eudapest. The compating station was built about 80 meters east of the radar station.
- 7. On the east side of the airfield, 2 new barracks are being built. 800 prisoners were sent to Szeged to accelerate the building of these barracks; and they are also to extend and moderatize the old barracks already there. The new barracks were to be ready by 1 October 1952.

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- 8. From 50 to 75 percent of the barracks, that is Kossuth Lajos, Tancsics, and Petofi, were to be evacuated by the Hungarian troops to make room for the Soviet troops which were to arrive on 10 August 1952.
- 9. The border police were ordered to prepare lodging for a Soviet border police commission coming on 1 August 1952. It was to be lodged in the hotel at 5 Dessa Gyorgy Street, as well as in neighboring houses.
- 10. Seven rooms have to be vacated by Mungarian officers in the headquarters at 97 Sztalin körut, and placed at the disposal of Soviet officers.
- 11. The inhabitants of Szeged must collaborate in the arrangement for and construction of air raid shelters. Since 15 May 1952, a third of the population of Szeged was busy with the reconstruction or construction of shelters.
- 12. Beginning with 13 June 1952, the deportation of Freacttonary elements had started. As of July, 700 families have been deported by the AVE. The deportation was done in trucks and by train; the destination was unknown.
- 13. The Hungarian administration of Szeged (at 97 Sztalin körut) was visited by a Soviet commission for the purpose of verifying the preparations for the evacuation of barracks by the Hungarian troops. The temmission ordered the modernization of the hospital at Rokusi Feketefölden and the installation of an underground operating room next to the air raid shelters. The administration was also told that starting on 11 August 1952, it was to organize the daily feeding of an additional 10,000 men.
- 14. Elements of the "Partisans" organization, guarding the power plants and other electrical installations, have been relieved from duty by AVH troops.
- 15. The following arms have arrived and have been distributed to Hungarian trops:
 - a, 12 88 mm. Bofor antiaircraft guns;
 - b. 2,500 Soviet "model 48" rifles;
 - c. 14 82 mm. artillery pieces; and three 105 mm. artillery pieces.

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